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SVR Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday Evening, August 10, 2013**

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Department \_\_\_\_\_ Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Enclosed for all Meals Reserved \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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***STREW ALL THEIR GRAVES WITH FLOWERS***





## MONITOR UNKNOWNNS LAID TO REST

The funeral for two unidentified sailors from the USS Monitor was held March 8th at Arlington Nat. Cemetery. The remains were recovered when the ship's turret was recovered in 2002. The sailors were two of 16 who perished when the Monitor sank in a storm off Cape Hatteras, N.C., in 1862. The other 14 were not recovered. Most of the 63-man crew survived. The Monitor engaged the Confederate ship CSS Virginia on March 9, 1862, at Hampton Roads, Va., in the first naval battle between ironclad warships.

The SUVCW contingent at the cemetery included: PCinC Andy Johnson, MOLLUS CinC (and Br.) Jeffry Burden, Nat. Sec. & PDC Gene Mortorff, Nat. Wash, DC Rep. & PDC Lee Stone, PDCs Mike Beard and Mike Paquette, Dept. PI and CC Ben Hawley, Dept. Sec/Treas. Kevin Martin, CC Mike Virts, CSVC Richard Griffin, CSVC Jay Rarick, Br. Logan Metesh and several others.

Two Caissons were escorted by a naval contingent headed by two Rear Admirals, a Captain and a Commander. They were followed by the US Navy Band, two companies of sailors, and the official flag of the US Navy.

The funeral was conducted per Naval tradition with prayers, the Navy Hymn, three volleys fired, folding of the flags, and lowering of the coffins into the earth. DJVC Rob Pollock contributed to this story.





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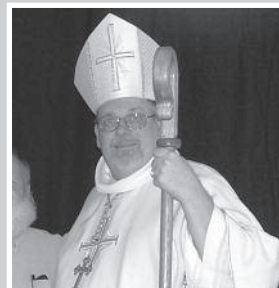


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## KUDOS IN ORDER

The Most Reverend Wm. Robert Cavins (right) was ordained an Independent Catholic Bishop on January 26th. He subsequently assumed the duties as Bishop of the Diocese of Florida. Bishop Cavins is a member of Gen. Wm. S. Harney Camp 8.

Wisconsin’s Old Abe Camp 8 received a community partner award based on the Camp’s long standing support of the Oshkosh Public Museum. Among many other activities, Camp 8 was recognized for helping the Museum acquire the John Hancock Collection, as well helping sponsor the conservation treatment of Scott’s Volunteers Civil War flag. The award was presented at the annual “State of the City” event, March 25th at the Convention Center.



At Fort Donelson Camp 62’s January 22nd meeting, CC Roger Tenney (left) presented Br. William (Bill) Radcliffe with the Camp’s 2012 Brother of the Year Award. The award recognizes Br. Radcliffe’s many Camp contributions and his SVR participation. Br. Radcliffe stands vigil each year at Fort Negley on the Battle of Nashville’s anniversary, which has now become a well-attended annual event.

**On the Cover:** On Memorial Day, 1918, St. Louis veterans march to a cemetery to lay flowers on their comrades’ graves. Photo courtesy of the DUVCW National Headquarters & Museum, Springfield, Ill.



## INQUIRIES & RESPONSES

Edited by PCinC Richard D. Orr

I. What is the status of the conversion to a 501(c)(3) organization?

R The IRS application has been completed and submitted, covering all Camps, Departments, SVR units and the Nat. organization. Additional information was provided when requested. The IRS has yet to make a determination. Typically, it takes up to 18 months to issue approvals and denials.

Additionally, 39 states and the District of Columbia require charitable organizations to register with them. The applications have been completed and will be submitted within a matter of a few days of this writing. These applications only cover the Nat. Organization. Any Camp, Dept. or SVR unit soliciting donations must register independently with the states in which they will be asking for donations. This includes seeking grants from foundations. When applying for a grant, you must register in the state where the foundation is located. This includes the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. Soliciting is asking for a donation. Federal tax courts have held that placing a request for donations on a website is soliciting and in as much as those sites can be seen anywhere in the world, registration in all jurisdictions is required if you ask for donations through any internet process.

It's anticipated that the Nat. Order's registration will be complete and approved by the various states and the District of Columbia in the next few months.

I. Is insurance available for Camps and Departments to cover events?

R. Yes. However, there is a process which needs to be followed. There is an application form which needs to be completed and returned to the Nat. Treasurer. He, in turn, must forward the application to our insurance broker who will evaluate the application and forward it to the insurance company. The insurer will determine the cost and send an invoice. The invoice will be paid by the Nat. Treasurer and the applicant (Camp or Dept.) will be billed by the Nat. Order. At least 90 days should be allowed from the time you submit the application to the Nat. Treasurer until the event. Request electronic application forms by emailing treasurer@suvchw.org



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Loyal Legion  
of the United States*

*Attention*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:*  
Help us honor the service and sacrifices of your  
Union Civil War Officer Ancestor

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) was founded on April 15, 1865. Currently, the MOLLUS has 19 State Commanderies nationwide. *Hereditary Membership* is available to direct male descendants (18 years and older) of a commissioned officer in the United States Army, Navy or Marines who served during the Civil War, or male descendants of a brother or sister of any such officer.

Many of the Original Companions of the MOLLUS also were members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Similarly, many the present day Hereditary Companions of the MOLLUS also are members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). As did the MOLLUS with the GAR, the MOLLUS and the SUVCW jointly sponsor patriotic and commemorative programs to honor President Abraham Lincoln and our Union soldier ancestors throughout the country.

For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:  
<http://suvchw.org/mollus.htm>

or  
Email Keith G. Harrison (SUVCW PCinC and MOLLUS PCinC) at:  
[pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net)

## ON THE MOVE WITH CINC MELLOR



*CinC Mellor speaks to the Dept. of California & Pacific Encampment in San Luis Obispo on March 9. (photo courtesy of Br. Floyd Farrar, Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2 PI)*



*CinC Mellor installs officers during the Kansas Dept. Encampment on January 12th in Emporium.*



*CinC Mellor places a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on February 12th*



*CinC Mellor addresses those attending the Massachusetts Dept. Encampment on March 30th.*



*CinC Mellor poses with Wisconsin Dept. officers during their Mid-Winter meeting on February 2nd in Wauwatosa. He then attended the 33rd annual Patriotic Luncheon, hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4, with his wife.*

### CINC MELLOR'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE

8 June	Department of Ohio Encampment	Columbus
15 June	Department of Florida Encampment	St. Cloud
27-28 June	Department of Pennsylvania Encampment	Gettysburg



## NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL AWARDS SOUGHT

The Commander-in-Chief is seeking recipients for the following awards to be given at this year's Nat. Encampment:

**U.S. Grant Cup** (est. 1939)—presented to the Dept. with the greatest percentage growth during the last year.

**Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award** (est. 1969)—presented to the Dept. with the greatest numerical growth during the last year.

**Marshall Hope Award** (est. 1992)—presented to the Camp and Dept. with the most outstanding newsletters.

**Abraham Lincoln CinC Award** (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding Camp during the year.

**Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding brother during the last year.

**B.F. Stephenson Award** (est. 1996)—presented to the brother, who is the top recruiter during the last year.

**Founders Award** (est. 1998)—presented to non-Allied Orders group or individual, who performs outstanding service in memory of Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Concurrence of the Council of Admin. required.

**Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award** (est. 2003)—presented to the most successful new Camp.

**Meritorious Service Award w/Gold Star**—presented to a brother or brothers, who served the Order for an extended period of time in an outstanding and exemplary manner. Concurrence of the Council of Admin. required.

Nominees may be submitted to CinC Perley Mellor via email at [cinc@sucvw.org](mailto:cinc@sucvw.org)

### Brothers and Sisters of The SUVCW and Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

The Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
and

Company "A", 49th Regiment, Iowa Veteran Volunteer Infantry/SVR "The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles"  
Honor Guard to the Department of Iowa and Personal Honor Guard to the Governors of Iowa

Wish to cordially invite you to attend the exercises marking the formal re-dedication of the Iowa Monument at the Vicksburg National Battlefield Military Park to be held on

**SATURDAY**

**MAY 25TH, 2013 AT 10:00AM IN THE MORNING**

**AT THE SITE OF THE MONUMENT ON THE BATTLEFIELD AT VICKSBURG,  
MISSISSIPPI.**

Please join the Department of Iowa, the 49th Iowa, Governor Terry E. Branstad of Iowa; Governor Phil Bryant of Mississippi, Past Commander-in-Chief/SUVCW, Dr. Donald D. Palmer, Jr.; Commander-in-Chief/ MOLLUS, Mr. Jeffrey Burden; Superintendent Michael Madell, VBNMP/NPS and other national and local dignitaries as we re-dedicate the monument first erected in 1906 by the citizens of Iowa to honor the 30,000 Iowa volunteers who participated in the battles known collectively as "The Siege of Vicksburg" in the winter of 1862 and Spring of 1863.

For further information, please visit the websites of;

Vicksburg National Battlefield Military Park at [www.nps.gov/vick](http://www.nps.gov/vick)

The 49th Iowa Veteran Volunteer Infantry Regiment/SVR at [www.iowavalor.com](http://www.iowavalor.com)

Or contact:

Michael W. Carr, Iowa Department Commander at [wgpcw@aol.com](mailto:wgpcw@aol.com)

David M. Lamb, Chair, Governor's Select Committee of the Re-Dedication of the Iowa Monument at Vicksburg at [digger1@q.com](mailto:digger1@q.com)



# CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL

## UNION MONUMENT DEDICATED IN NORTH CAROLINA

The words on the face of the 5-ft. tall block of granite begins, "In Memory of the Union Soldiers of the 14th, 15th, 17th, and 20th Corps ..." On March 19-20, 1865, 20,000 Confederate soldiers under Gen. Johnston tried to slow the advance of Gen. Sherman's 60,000 Union soldiers northward through North Carolina. The resultant Battle of Bentonville was the largest engagement in the state during the Civil War. On March 16th, in front of a substantial crowd, the Dept. dedicated that granite monument to those Union soldiers involved in the battle. This event recognized the first monument to Union soldiers on North Carolina State property.



The site manager welcomed the participants and guests. DC Dr. Gerard Devine's overview of the battle was followed by remarks from the Director of the Div. of State Historic Sites. Greetings from CinC Mellor were delivered by Chesapeake DSVC Mark R. Day. As the monument was unveiled, the bagpipes played Amazing Grace, followed by Taps on the bugle. The ceremony closed with a cannon salute from a battery of 8 cannons and a rifle volley from formations of Confederate and Union re-enactors.

## "THE YEAR OF BURNSIDE – 1862"



On November 3rd, Gov. Elisha Dyer Camp 7 honored Rhode Island's Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside. The event took place almost 150 years to the day of when Gen. Burnside assumed command of the Army of the Potomac (November 7, 1862). For better or for worse, 1862 was "the year of Burnside." From his great success in North Carolina to Burnside Bridge at Antietam, to the horrors at Fredericksburg, this star-crossed general embodied the greater tragic nature of the Civil War.

At noon, Union troops processed through Providence to Burnside Park, site of an equestrian statue of Gen. Burnside, erected in 1887 by the GAR. The Providence Brig. Band performed and a ceremony featured an address and proclamation from the mayor, reflections on the

general's life and career by CC James P. McGuire and DC Henry C. Duquette, and a special greeting from CinC Mellor. CC McGuire also presented excerpts from Gen. Horatio Rogers' oration at the original GAR dedication ceremony.

Other dignitaries attending were Steven Usler, Military Affairs Liaison for Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), PCinC Leo Kennedy, and PDP Diane Mellor (ASUVCW). Filling out the ranks and marching through the streets of Providence were Battery B, 1st RILA, Battery C, 1st RILA, Co. B, 2nd RI Inf., the 14th RI Hvy. Art. (colored), and the Depts. of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York.



## WHAT'S A SIGNATURE EVENT?

A Sesquicentennial Signature Event serves to educate the public on the legacy of the valiant work done by all U.S. Military Forces between 1861 and 1865; has a direct connection with the Civil War Sesquicentennial; is of national or state significance; and can be used by the Allied Orders as a recruiting tool to further our organizational goals. The event should not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk. Upon approval, the sponsoring Camp, Department, SVR or Allied Order organization is allowed to use the SUVCW name and logo to promote the event.

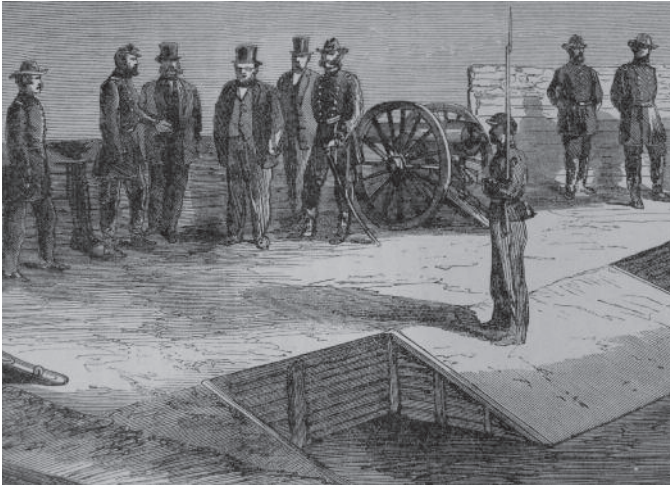
The approved event can get recognition on the National website and the SUVCW 's Civil War Sesquicentennial medal may be offered to individuals who attend for a minimal donation. A passport system is used to log participation and qualify for stars.

For more information go to <http://suvchw.org/CWSesquicentennial/CWSEQ.htm>



## “GET DOWN YOU FOOL!”

By Rev. PCinC Richard O. Partington



I want to relate a story, first told to me by Frederick McWade, a Civil War veteran. (He was a 17-year old student when he enlisted in the 150th Regiment of the Ohio National Guard as a hundred-day man.)

In July 1864, Gen. Lee was under siege by Gen. Grant at Petersburg, and Gen. Sherman was on the way to Atlanta. Jubal Early, the Confederate general was in the Shenandoah Valley in command of 11,000 troops. He thought that by threatening the capital, he could divert part of Grant's army to the defense of the city and relieve Lee.

Washington was surrounded by a chain of forts ranging along the opposite bank of both branches of the Potomac. The most northern of these forts was Fort Stevens. Gen. Early wanted to take the fort by surprise, but due to multiple mistakes, all hope of surprise had vanished.

As Grant hurriedly dispatched re-enforcements up the Potomac, Lincoln went down to the wharves to greet them. The next day, he visited Fort Stevens and it was on this visit that McWade saw him.

McWade recalled how Early's heavy artillery was blasting away and the federal forces were answering. This went on for three days, and it was on the last day that the President came out from the White House with Secretary of State Seward to view the scene. They joined Gen. Wright on the bombproof, and Lincoln stood erect despite the protestation of his aides. "I can still see him," said McWade, "about seven feet tall with his stovepipe hat on his head, standing there foolishly while bullets whistled around him. His aides urged him to get down, but he remained erect until a bullet dropped one of his staff. Then he bent down, as if bewildered, and was pulled down by one of his aides and they moved back cautiously." This is essentially the story as I heard it from Mr. McWade and was verified by others who were present.

Alexander Woolcott, radio storyteller, columnist, and a member of the famous Algonquin Round Table in New York City, wrote an account related in a book, published in 1943. His story in the anthology is entitled "Get Down You Fool." The story is that as related by Mr. McWade, but adds the words: "grabbing the President by the arm, a young officer dragged him under cover, and in so doing, had said to the President, 'Get down you fool.' Looking down at the white face streaked with dirt, the brown hair wild, 'Captain,' said Mr. Lincoln, 'I'm glad you know how to talk to a civilian.'" Mr. Woolcott tells us that the name of the young officer who made the remark was Oliver Wendell Holmes, later a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prof. Harold J. Laski of the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a close friend of Justice Holmes, told Mr. Wolcott the story. The professor had asked the Justice how close the Confederates came to Washington. Justice Holmes then told him of Fort Stevens and the incident about Pres. Lincoln.

Although he had no reason for doubting the story, Mr. Woolcott tried to verify it, but couldn't. "It was received with varying degrees of incredulity," he writes. "At only one dinner table was it heard without any amazement. That was at the home in Cambridge of Felix Frankfurter, then a teacher at the Harvard Law School (later Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court). Prof. Frankfurter admitted that he had heard the story before. Oh! From whom had he heard it? The professor replied mildly, "I heard it from Justice Holmes."

Is the story true? In her biography of Justice Holmes, "Yankee from Olympus," Catherine Frinker Bowen recounts the story, but doesn't give any source.

How much of the story is true and how much is apocryphal, we will never know.

### About the Author

PCinC Partington's great grandfather, Cpl. Wm. H.H. Ogden, Sr., served in Co. B, 4th PA Reserves. Br. Partington joined Philadelphia's Camp 200 and attended the 75th Reunion of the Blue & Gray in Gettysburg in 1938. His first GAR Nat. Encampment was in Pittsburgh in 1939. A retired Episcopal rector, Rev. Partington still lives in the Philadelphia area. His reminiscences were first presented in 1995 by request of PCinC Bud Atkinson. In 2004, PCinC Partington, with the help of his daughter, had his memories of the GAR published by Heritage Books.





## OUR UNION DEFENDER'S DAY TRADITION

*Pres. Lincoln's birthday was first recognized in 1866, less than a year after his death. A ceremony was held at the Capitol building with Pres. Johnson, his cabinet and other dignitaries present.*

*The Sons of Veterans, USA, held the first nationwide observance on February 12th, 1889. Based upon the celebration's success, CinC George B. Abbott recommended that the observance be made a feature of our Order and be provided for in the Constitution. The 1890 Nat. Encampment (1) supported the observance, (2) recommended it be called "Union Defender's Day," and (3) prescribed that the CinC issue orders providing for its observance by our Order.*

### NEBRASKA

On February 12th, Victor Vifquain Camp 1 and Shiloh Camp 2 performed annual guard duty at the Lincoln Monument on the west side of the Nebraska State Capitol for the 204th anniversary of Lincoln's Birthday. Camp 1 started the annual guard duty in the late 1990's after hearing of graffiti being found at the Lincoln tomb. Lincoln is the largest city in the United States named after our 16th president.

*Shown are: Camp 1 and Nebraska Rangers SVR Co. Cpt. Marc Witkovski and in the ranks from left to right: 1Sgt. Gage Stermensky, Camp 1 Sec/Treas; Cpl. Larry Angle, Camp 2; Pvt. Jim Atkins, Camp 2 Council; Cpl/Musician Eric Bachenburg, Camp 2, Cpl. Ron Rockenbach, Camp 1 Pl/Chaplain*



### MICHIGAN

President Lincoln delivered an inspirational address to the members of Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 at its January meeting. Also present was DC Paul Arnold, who installed the Camp's officers. Shown are DC Arnold, Pres. Lincoln (Fred Priebe) and CC William Nash.

### OHIO

Several Camps conducted Union Defender's Day/Lincoln dinners in February as joint events to which other Camps were invited. The Southwest Ohio gathering brought Dayton's Wm. T. Sherman Camp 93, Fairfield's Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp 8, Cincinnati's Gen. Wm. H. Lytle Camp 10 and Sr. Anthony O'Connell Aux. 10, and friends together for a grand dinner on February 9th. President Lincoln (a.k.a. Jim Crabtree) spoke concerning "What the War our Soldiers fought means to our Nation."

### WISCONSIN

C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4 held their 33rd annual Patriotic Luncheon on February 2nd, following the Wisconsin Department's Mid-Winter Meeting. The luncheon honored Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley. Over 100 people, representing nearly 35 different patriotic and hereditary organizations attended. Mr. Steve Rogstad spoke on Racine, Wisconsin's statue of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, one of only a couple in the U.S. A raffle and silent auction were held, which raised over \$1200 for patriotic education and historic preservation initiatives.



*Shown: Mr. Steven Rogstad speaks to those at the Patriotic Luncheon.*

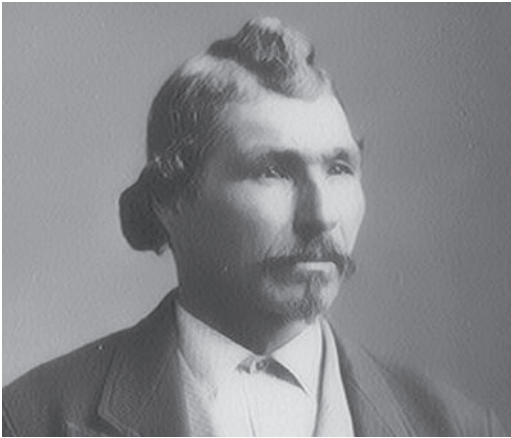
*Lincoln's birthday is legally recognized in ten states (CT, DE, IL, MN, NJ, NY, ND, PA, WA, WY). It last failed to make Federal Holiday status in 1968, when Washington's birthday observance was moved to the 3rd Monday in February. In 1971, the day was renamed Presidents' Day.*



## WISCONSIN NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE CIVIL WAR

by Wis. DSVC Kim Heltemes

Years before the 1848 treaty with the Native Americans was signed, European settlers and the natives were setting up house together and having children on the western frontier in northeastern Wisconsin. That treaty opened lands east of the Wolf River and in 1852, a treaty opened the lands west of the Wolf. The Menominee gave the settlers a warm reception and a bond developed with the tribe's Chief John. The tribes in east central Wisconsin were friendly and helpful. Mass settlement took place over the next 30 years – during the time of the Civil War. Native Americans, like the Mohicans and Menominee, did not get involved immediately. But by 1862, they might have heard about their eastern relatives getting into the action.



*Moses Ladd*

Showing solidarity with the Union, six highly prized medals received from the British, given to them for taking their side during the War of 1812, were surrendered. During the 1862 Sioux uprising in Minnesota, Wisconsin tribes were strongly urged to join the Confederates, saying it would benefit them after the war ended. But the Christian-based Menominee and Mohican Tribes stood by the Union. This caused as much concern for their safety as it did for a white person's on the western front – and Wisconsin was the western front at that time. In all, 125 Menominees have been identified as serving the Union during the Civil War.

So, by the time they heard about the 7th Wisconsin's action at South Mountain, Brawners's Farm, and Antietam, the enlistments in the 21st Wisconsin Infantry were being filled. The Menominee, who enlisted, included Charles Porlier, Andrew Grignon, and Moses Ladd. They were all from Winneconne, were related to each other and had English or French names.

On October 8, 1862, the regiment saw its first action at Perryville, Kentucky. Moses was wounded in the leg but did not report the wound. He was credited with saving the life of Jeremiah Reardon who was shot in the arm. Reardon lost his arm and returned home to Manitowoc, Wis., where he later became the sheriff. Moses is credited with saving at least three soldiers during battle. He was one of four Native Americans that Sherman used as scouts during the March to the Sea.

Little is known of Moses during the early part of the war. The Porlier Letters from Charles Porlier, a cousin of Moses's wife, state that Moses "was funny as usual." Moses' name comes up more toward the end of the war as Gen. Sherman's chief scout on the right flank of the March to the Sea. This meant that he would have went the farthest south of any Union soldier during that march.

On June 8, 1865, the 21st was mustered out and sent home. Moses continued hunting and fishing in the Poygan area (just west of Winneconne). In 1870, Gen. Sherman visited Oshkosh and Winneconne. Nearly 3,000 old soldiers met the general there. Sherman is reported to have been talking to the crowd when he spotted Ladd. Stopping mid-sentence, Sherman walked off with his arm wrapped around Moses' shoulder. The general offered him a house in Washington, D.C. if he'd return there with him. Moses turned him down, saying he could not leave his hunting and fishing grounds.

The accompanying photograph, courtesy of the Smithsonian Institute's Anthropological Archives, was taken in 1876, when as chief of the Menominee, Moses was a delegate to Washington. This is one of four known photos of Moses during that trip. In 1878, he returned to the Menominee Reservation to live. This was unusual because he was not recognized as a



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Native since the 1848 “Blood Money Treaty” when he declared he and his sister, Susan, to be white. But Moses came from a long line of Chiefs and someone of Moses’ leadership was needed to guide the tribe during a difficult period.

During the 1889 GAR Encampment, held in Milwaukee, Moses Ladd, Joseph Woodnorth, Alf Nugent, and W.A. Ballard, were walking when several carriages approached. One of the carriages was Gen. Sherman’s. As Sherman laid eyes on Moses, he yelled for the driver to stop. They shook hands as Moses’ friends stood near. Sherman said he was glad to see him. Patting Moses on the shoulder, Sherman is quoted as saying, “Moses, you are one of the best men I had.”

Toward the end of his life, Moses turned to the Grand Army Home in King (Wisconsin’s Veterans Home) three times for help, as he had trouble caring for himself. The third was his last. He died on May 30, 1920 at the Home, penniless, and was buried in the Home cemetery, in the 21st Wis. Regimental plot.

As the Native Americans signed up for service, few used their own name. They tended to use English names instead of their given name. so it’s difficult to identify the Natives on official rosters. Probably the most noted Native American soldiering was in the 37th Wis. Inf. During the Battle of the Crater at Petersburg, Company K, made up of men from the Menominee Tribe, took massive casualties.

Other units with Native members were Co. H, 16th Wis. Inf.; Co. K, 17th Wis. Inf.; Co. B, 32nd Wis. Inf.; Cos. F and G, 38th Wis. Inf.; and Co. H, 39th Wis. Inf. Some Chippewa served in Co. E, 3rd Wis. Inf. and had to be talked out of taking Confederate scalps after a late war skirmish.

The Wis. Department’s Old Abe Camp 8 has done dedications for two of the Sherman Native scouts and a Native soldier, after their graves were identified and new markers placed in a Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) cemetery in the Tomah, Wis. area. The soldiers were: Charles Clearday, 3rd Wis. Inf.; Edwin Nash, Omaha Scout; and John Sherman, a scout in the 3rd Wis. Inf. for Gen. W. T. Sherman – no relation. The grave of Ladd was well cared for and there was no need for a marker replacement.



The Ho Chunk received the Camp with great dignity and honor. As the Camp gathered on the cemetery grounds, it was asked to be part of the “Ghost Warrior Dinner” ceremony for a fallen warrior (soldier). Camp members and Ho Chunk sat around a large tarp, covered with food. The Chief gave an explanation. A prayer was said, a peace pipe was lit and passed to the right. After each puffed three times, a small drink of water was given and passed on. Then, all were allowed to eat. Food was plentiful and varied. After the males had their fill, the females, including the Camp members’ wives, ate.

Menominee veterans formed Joseph A. Ledergerber GAR Post 261 at Keshena, Wis., and the tribe’s Warrior Society. One photograph of the post is included in this article, as well as a photograph of Moses Ladd, and two Menominee soldiers. Post 261 was chartered on August 16, 1889, as the first all-Native American post in the nation with 29 members. In 1901, Joseph LaMotte Camp 6 was chartered in Keshena. The Camp survived three additional incarnations before disbanding in 1944.

Another Native American GAR post, Oneida Post 278, at Oneida, Wis., was chartered on September 21, 1899. The Oneida Tribe had 111 Union volunteers.

During the past five years, Camp 8 has done dedications with the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe (Mohicans) of Bowler, Wis. The Mohicans are now more aware of their heritage and history, and are trying to restore some of that history. Because of the relationship with the Camp, they were asked to do a presentation on their tribal members who served in the Civil War. This has sparked interest in recording the history in book form. As they find their ancestors’ graves and the history that goes along with them, the book is growing. Please come to the “Campfire” on Friday evening of the National Encampment. Hear them present their Civil War history and the Mohican Tribe in Wisconsin. It will be different than what you may be accustomed to hearing about the Civil War.

*Br. Heltemes is the author of “Wisconsin Veterans Home at King”, “Poy Sippi and Eastern Waushara County”, and “Waupaca.”*

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### CHESAPEAKE

Br. Michael Myers of Harper's Ferry Camp 6 presented two Eagle Scout certificates in Walton, West Va.. The Court of Honor on December 20th recognized scouts Dakota Austin Bailey and Travis Lee Rhodes. Bailey provided a public park with new trash bins, new benches and flower beds, a rebuilt picnic table and swing set. Rhodes provided a new church with a pulpit, pews, flags and plaques.

### MISSOURI

On March 17th, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was conducted for Br. Wm. Zoughaib of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326. William has been a member of Camp 326 since he was eleven years old and will be fifteen in May. For his Eagle Scout project he planned, raised funds and built six 1830's style historic benches for the Felix Valle Historic Site in Ste. Genevieve.

Br. William is also a member of Co. F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia, SVR, and has portrayed Drummer Jacob Zimmer, 30th Missouri Inf. Reg. in the Camp's Spirit Reunion at Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve for the past three years. Drummer Zimmer died of disease in Ste. Genevieve in December 1862 and lies in an unmarked grave.

Br. Bob Hammack presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate to Br. Zoughaib. Br. Hammack serves as the Department's and Camp's Eagle Scout Coordinator and is a member of the St. Louis District Boy Scout Council Board. Standing to William's left is Tom Greminger who is an Eagle Scout and to William's right is Bob Hammack who is also an Eagle Scout.

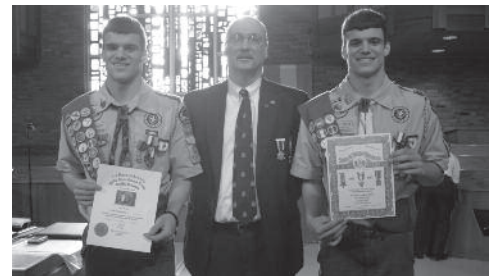
Br. William is also a member of the local Ste. Genevieve French Colonial Militia, runs track and participates in Tri-Athlons.

### PENNSYLVANIA

On January 27th, a Boy Scout Court of Honor was held for identical twin brothers, Scott and Ryan Boley, of the Laurel Highlands Council in Pittsburgh, Troop 329 from Allison Park to award them their Eagle Scout Badge after a long hard journey of achievement. CC Tim Ryan of Davis \* Camp presented Scott and Ryan with the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate and honorary membership in the 3rd Reg. Inf. USCT, Civil War Re-enactors. Ryan and Scott are both members of the 63rd PVI.



*L-R Paul Cameron, Tom Greminger, William Zoughaib, Bob Hammack, Samer Zoughaib, Gary Scheel (Not in Photo) Bob Mueller. They are all members of the St. James Camp and Co. F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia SVR*



Recently, P.S. Gobin Camp 503's Br. Scott Hixson presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate to Shadyn Kehler at the scout's Court of honor. Shadyn's project was to design and build a regulation-size beach volleyball court at the Middleburg community pool. He plans to attend college and become a U.S. Army officer.



For more information on the Eagle Scout recognition program, visit <http://suvchw.org/eagle/>  
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### IOWA

On February 7th, Grenville Dodge Camp 75's Brs. Mike Rowley, Danny Krock, Don Corrigan and David Lamb joined family and SAR, DAR, and GSW 1812 members at the Des Moines Veterans Hospital for several hours of socializing and bingo with veterans recuperating there. They've participated in this activity for several years and each feels they get more in return than could be imagined.

The 49th Iowa assisted in the laying of wreaths at the Iowa Veterans cemetery on December 15th, after serving as the Honor Guard for the posting of the Colors for the event.



### NEBRASKA

The SUVCW and DUVCW participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 15th, at the John M. Thayer monument at Soldier's Circle at the Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln. This was the 3rd annual remembrance at this site.

*Shown right are: Arlene Rudebusch (DUVCW), Capt. Marc Witkovski (NE Rangers SVR Co. and Vifquain Camp 1 CC), Sgt. Bill Dean Camp 2 CC, 1Sgt. Gage Stermensky Vifquain Camp Sec/Treas., DC Michael Ponte, Sgt. Paul Hadley Wellstedt Camp Sec/Treas., Camp 1 JVC Ron Rockenbach and Camp 2 brother Shawn Stoner.*



### WISCONSIN

Brothers from Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Waukesha's MG John Gibbon Camp 4 participated in the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony, held December 15th, at Wood National Cemetery. Shown are Brs. Dan Palama and Rick Gross (Camp 4) and John Thielmann (Camp 1).

Meanwhile, Henry Harnden Camp 2 hosted the event at Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison. Participants included the Depty WDVA, Secretary, the 2nd Wis. Vol. Inf., Battery A, 4th US Arty, MOLLUS, SAR, Madison Veterans Council, Gold Star Mothers, and various re-enactors from Spam-Am to Desert Storm. Photo courtesy of John and Cheryl Adams.



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## WELCOME NEW CAMPS!

**Col. David L. Stricker Camp 64**, Wyoming, DE, Dept. of the Chesapeake (date of rank: June 8, 2012)

Camp 64 was formed last May by the 2nd Delaware re-enactors and participated in Memorial Day activities at Wilmington's Mt Salem Church as color and honor guards. The same day, Camp 64 and Appomattox Camp 2 dedicated a new grave marker for John Armour of the 7th Delaware. The ceremony coincided with Riverview Cemetery's Memorial Program in Wilmington.

Last August 25th, Sumner Camp 25, Stricker Camp 64, the SVR's 2nd Mil. Dist., Harris Camp 38, Irish Brigade Camp 4, and the 2nd Delaware attended the Anna Carroll Day event (Carroll advised Pres. Lincoln and developed the Tennessee River battle plans). There, Br. Bill Purdy accepted the Camp 64 charter. Since the Camp was organized, it's performed two headstone dedications with Camp 2, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, and several living history events.



*Shown: CC Glenn Layton, Br. Robert Hardesty, JVC Randy Warnick Council member Sean Haley, Sec. John Barr, GRO Sean Protas, and SVC George Balog. Not pictured: Brs. David Greenplate, Keith Short, Michael Balog, Charles Mattina and William Purdy.*

**Captain G. N. Spradling Camp 72**, Fort Smith, AR, Dept. of Missouri (date of rank: Jul 24, 2012)

McPherson Camp 1's Larry Puckett and Sam Wang were riding back from their Camp meeting in Little Rock and decided to build a Camp closer to their homes in western Arkansas. Br. Larry managed to get several feature articles written about the Son of Union Veterans in the local paper and set up information tables at local Civil War events. The new Camp began meeting in July 2010.

On February 17th, DC Martin Aubuchon presented Camp 72's charter at its meeting held at the Fort Smith National Historic Site located in Fort Smith, Arkansas.



*Shown: Sec/Treas. Pat Horan, CC Larry Puckett, PI & Eagle Scout Coord. Coy Bennett, and DC Martin Aubuchon*

**George Jerrison Stannard Camp 12**, Essex, VT, Dept. of Vermont (date of rank: 7 Jan 2012)

Last summer, Br. Rob Grandchamp and two other brothers of Barre's Wm. Scott Camp 302 discussed the good work the SUVCW could do in northwestern Vermont. Sadly, there had not been a Burlington area Camp since the mid-1960s. With the blessing and understanding of their Barre brothers, they formed Camp 12, which covers four counties. The Camp takes its name and number from Burlington's Geo. Jerrison Stannard GAR Post 2, which was the largest post in the state. Gen. Stannard was the first Vermont volunteer in the Civil War, and led the 2nd Vermont Brigade at Gettysburg. Only seven brothers strong, the Camp plans to participate in Burlington's Memorial Day ceremony, place a wreath on Gen. Stannard's grave, and repair the headstone of Capt. Merritt Williams, Co. G, 13th Vt.

The Camp recently began meeting and will have its charter presented at its Dept. Encampment in Rutland on May 18th. The Camp will then plan to host the 2014 Dept. Encampment.

## NEW CAMP IN PROGRESS

The following Camp has been given permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

**Gen. Truman A. Seymour 9**, Jacksonville, FL, Dept. of Florida (Expires 2/15/2014). Camp Organizer is Br. David R. Acheson of St. Augustine, FL.

## INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

The necessary instructions are found at <http://suvcw.org/ftp/form50.pdf> The Dept. commander authorizes formation on Form 51. A minimum of five members with lineage, not counting Juniors, is required. See Form 50 for details.



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## IOWA

### An Iowa Confederate veteran?

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by David Rowley

Cpl. Jacob Binkerd served long and honorably in Co. B, 13th Iowa Inf. He was buried in Colfax, Ia., beneath a VA-issued stone correctly noting his service. However, the same stone had a pointed top, bore the Southern Cross, and the "CSA" marking!

Grenville Dodge Camp 75's Br. Tom Gaard, with the help of local historians, family members, the State Assoc. for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries, and the American Legion, was able to secure a new and correct stone to replace the error made decades earlier.



In early April, the team of volunteers, that also included the Camp's Danny Krock with wife Tami, Mike Rowley, and Tim Rowley, made things right and on May 11th a re-dedication is planned. *Photo by Rickie D. Bickle*

On February 16th, Medal of Honor recipient John Vale and all veterans past and present were honored with a ceremony at Oakdale Memorial Gardens, Davenport. This event was endorsed by the Iowa Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee.



*Brs. Richard Grim (left) with US Flag, Mike Rowley with Regimental flag, Lance Lincoln re-enactor, and BG James Steedman. Local members of Patriot Guard in background. Photo courtesy of Marissa Ewing.*

Vale was born in London, England, and emigrated to Le Claire, Ia. He later moved to Minnesota, where he enlisted in Co. H, 2nd Minn. Vol. Inf. On February 1, 1863, he was one of a detachment of 16 men who defended a union supply convoy against a Confederate cavalry unit 125 strong. After the war, he settled in Davenport, where he worked in the Post Office for many

years. In 1897, he was one of eight from the 16 who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Brs. Danny Krock and David Lamb, who in their dual roles as officers of Co. A, 49th Reg., Iowa Veteran Vol. Inf. (SVR), helped lead the event. Brs. Richard Grimm, David Thompson and Mike Rowley also served as Honor Guard.

## NEW YORK

### The Before and After of Things: The Gen. George H. Thomas Project Begins

By PCC David M. Dziejewski

Last August, Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 was notified that the Troy Cemetery Association, Inc. (Oakwood Cemetery) trustees accepted its adoption of the Kellogg Family plot that holds Gen. George Thomas. DC Albanese issued Order 6, recognizing the Camp's adoption and encouraged Dept. support.



*Br. Tim Mabee (L) and Joe Ferrannini (R) of Grave Stone Matters getting started.*

On September 8, Camp members assembled at the cemetery in Troy to kick off the Gen. Thomas gravesite project. A preliminary assessment was made. The Camp purchased two gallons of D/2 cleaner, using donations from the Dept. and Br. Roland Neiss of D.G. Caywood Camp 146. Five brothers attended along with a faithful volunteer from the community. In a few hours, the entire monument was cleaned and work on several Kellogg family grave markers was completed. Afterwards, a torrential downpour gave all of the monuments a terrific final rinse!



On March 9th, the day before the 100th anniversary of her death, Harriet Tubman, was honored with a ceremony

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at her grave at Ft. Hill Cemetery in Auburn. Members of the Auburn African American Methodist Zion Church honored her memory. PDC Jerry Orton was present and fired three rounds in her memory.

Afterwards, he paid his respects at the grave of Edward Lansing, the third NY GAR Dept. Commander, and at the grave of Sarah C. Nichols, the first NY WRC Dept. President.

## OKLAHOMA

Tulsa's Indian Nations Camp 3 recently dedicated three Civil War veteran headstones. Two of the graves were unmarked and the third had a marker, which was discovered only after the Camp had funded replacement.



*Camp 3 CC Eric Sachau (left), the 77th Pennsylvania's rifle squad, including Br. Dennis Hoch second from right. Bugler is Roger Myer from Bugles Across America. At far right is Camp Secretary PDC Gene Turner. All at Fairview Cemetery, Owasso.*

The Rachel Cormaney Auxiliary supported this project. Ceremonies were conducted at Tulsa's Rose Hill Cemetery and Owasso's Fairview Cemetery. Descendents of the Owasso veteran, Pvt. James Brittain, Co. E, 33rd Iowa Inf., observed the dedication. The 77th Penn. Vol. Inf. (re-enactors) provided a color guard and firing squad.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Plans for the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg Ceremony are progressing. A permit has been secured from NPS. The Harrisburg Area Community College, Gettysburg Campus, parking lot (about 300 spots) has been secured for shuttle parking and other sites are being sought. Seven buses have been secured for shuttle services to and from the parking areas.

The keynote speaker will be MG Anthony Cucolo, Commandant of the U.S. Army War College. The "Old Guard" of Arlington Cemetery fame is expected to form a Company sized detachment, making a cordon for the dignitaries to pass through and speak or present wreaths. It will also serve as a 21-gun firing squad. PDC Ivan Frantz has volunteered to play taps at the program. The Camptown Shakers will perform several songs. Commemorative badges have been created and orders are coming in. The Allied Orders' National and

Dept. heads and the SCV have been invited. The Superintendent of the NPS and the US Congressman are being contacted. Chairs and Porta Johns have been secured.

## WISCONSIN



Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 now has the distinction of having two Medal of Honor descendants. Br. Mark Sumner, left, and PCC Bill Doan. Both live in the same suburb. Sumner, who joined the Camp in December, is proud of his g-g-g-grandfather, Navy coxswain John Hayes, who earned the medal with 16 other sailors aboard the USS Kearsage on June 19, 1864, when it sank the CSS Alabama off of Cherbourg, France. Doan's g-g-g-grandfather was Pvt. Franklin Johndro, 118th NY Inf., whose heroism came on Sept. 30th of the same year at Chaffin's Farm in Virginia. Story by CJVC Tom Mueller.

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## CIVIL WAR AND BUFFALO SOLDIER HONORED

By CC David A. Swanson

On February 2nd, Picacho Peak Camp 1(C-A-L), Margaret Warner Wood Tent 1 (DUVCW), and the Buffalo Soldiers of the Territory of Arizona held a headstone dedication ceremony for Pvt. Ambrose Skinner at Phoenix's Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery. The Arizona Civil War Council and the Southwest Civil War Assoc. also participated.

Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett, Diana McClinnon (Skinner's great-great granddaughter) and the public attended the event, which made headline news in the Arizona Republic and was broadcast on local TV news.

Pvt. Skinner enlisted in Co. E, 2nd NC Colored Inf. in August 1863, later serving in Co. B, 25th Reg. (later known as the Buffalo Soldiers) and was discharged in 1874. His grave was unmarked; Camp GRO Jan D. Huber researched Pvt Skinner, ordered the military headstone, and coordinated the event.



*Picacho Peak CC Swanson, Secretary of State Bennett, and Tent 1 Pres. Verna Maleski*

## CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

CinC Mellor is welcomed to the Auxiliary's California & Pacific Dept. Encampment, held March 8-9 in San Luis Obispo. DC Glen Roosevelt (at podium) introduces the CinC (far left). Also attending the Encampment was NP Jane Graham (seated left of podium).

On March 23rd, brothers from the Dept. attended the Institution ceremony for Margaret Rhodes Crocker Tent 94 (DUVCW) in Roseville, Cal.

Gen. Geo. Wright Camp 22 CC Jon Henry, Chap. Steve Bogart, and Br. Steve Neuberger provided moral support while 1Lt. Don

Wilt of Co. B, 8th CA Inf. (SVR) commanded a color guard composed of Brs. Jim Monteton, Charles Ford, Mike Meals and Jack Alcione.

NP Carol Morton initiated 21 ladies into the new Tent and then presented the charter and gavel to Pres. Joy Huskey. Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23. CSVC Allen Davis was called upon to read the roll call of ancestors.

At the end of the ceremony, PCinC Brad Schall presented a challenge coin to Pres. Huskey.



## INDIANA

At the January 26th installation of Indiana's only Auxiliary, Eliza George Aux. 356, CinC Mellor, poses with AP Amy Bowyer, DC Mike Beck, NP Jane Graham, and Nat. VP Diane Mellor Nat. Other members and friends of the new Auxiliary joined in celebrating the new Auxiliary's formation.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I had a discussion recently with a member of the Sons, who is also a member of an SVR unit and a Civil War living history group. He lamented about the fact that being in the Sons is not "fun" compared to doing living history, going onto a battlefield, firing cannons and charging the enemy with rifles.

It later occurred to me how serious a problem this really is. We have a generation of children (and grandchildren) who are growing up in a world that tells them - "If it feels good, do it," "What's in it for me?" and "What's the least I can do to get the most I can?" These attitudes are fueled by screens...on the TV, computers, i-pads and smartphones. Human contact and compassion are going to become things of the past. Attending a Sons meeting or going to a grave stone dedication will become as popular as croquet and horse shoe pitching.

There are things that we do that are not fun. I have never had any fun brushing my teeth, but if I don't, the dentist will have a field day with my cavities. I have never had any fun doing the dishes after a meal, but I sure like to eat off of clean ones. I don't like changing the sheets, vacuuming the floors or doing laundry, but the simple consequences for not doing them, can be disastrous. So too, our genuine activity with the SUCVW. How will our children and grandchildren learn about what our ancestors did? How will they develop a sense of respect for the sacrifices that the Boys in Blue made to preserve the Union? How will they learn to celebrate Memorial Day, and get a head stone placed? Can we expect them to learn from the media (pond scum), or from teachers (only some of whom are really dedicated to what they do), or from their friends (who have a cell phone grafted to their hand?) No, they will learn from our example. Or, heaven forbid, they will not learn at all.

It is our sacred duty to pass on the reverence we have, the dedication we feel, and the work ethic we have learned to coming generations. If not us, who?

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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1903-1913



## THE SVR'S FIRST GENERAL

Richard M.J. Reed of Philadelphia was appointed the SVR's first commanding general. Reed was born in February 1844 in Pennsylvania. He served in Co. P, 192nd Penn. Inf. during the Civil War. After the war, he served as a major in the 3rd Regiment before his discharge in 1878. He worked as a policeman, a park guard and as a bookkeeper for a fraternal uniform manufacturer. For many years he was a prominent figure in 28th Ward politics. Reed was a member of Philadelphia's Col. John W. Moore GAR Post 56, the Sons of Veterans, P. O. S. of A., Order of St. John & Malta, and the Knights Hospitalers.

During the Sons' early organization, he served as a Grand Division Commander. At the 1884 Nat. Encampment, he was named a Constitutional life member of the Order with the past rank of major general. In 1899, he had the honor of Past Commander-in-Chief conferred upon him.

On November 19th, 1903, he issued his first General Order, appointing a headquarters staff and further describing the uniform to be worn. Insightfully, he said the Sons Military Dept. was "largely experimental," but believed from his years of experience, that it would prove one of the most potent factors in building up the Order.

He was married twice and fathered ten children. His son Theodore served as the SVR's Asst. Adjutant General.

Gen. Reed suffered from arterial sclerosis and was admitted to the Hampton, Va., Soldiers Home in 1920. After his discharge from the Home, he died June 10, 1922, at age 78, having lived to see the SVR grow to 5,000 members. He was buried at Philadelphia's Mt. Peace Cemetery.

From: Federal Census Records; Official Proceedings of the Eight Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans; Philadelphia Enquirer, June 13, 1922



### TENNESSEE

Fort Donelson Camp 62 and the 10th Tennessee USVI, SVR joined with members of the 13th USCT, Nashville Mayor Carl Dean and Metro Councilwoman Sandra Moore in celebrating the 148th Anniversary of the December 1864 Battle of Nashville and the 5th Anniversary of the Fort Negley Visitors Center In Nashville. Fort Negley, was the Civil War's largest inland stone fort and serves as the Camp 62's meeting place and as headquarters for the 10th Tennessee.

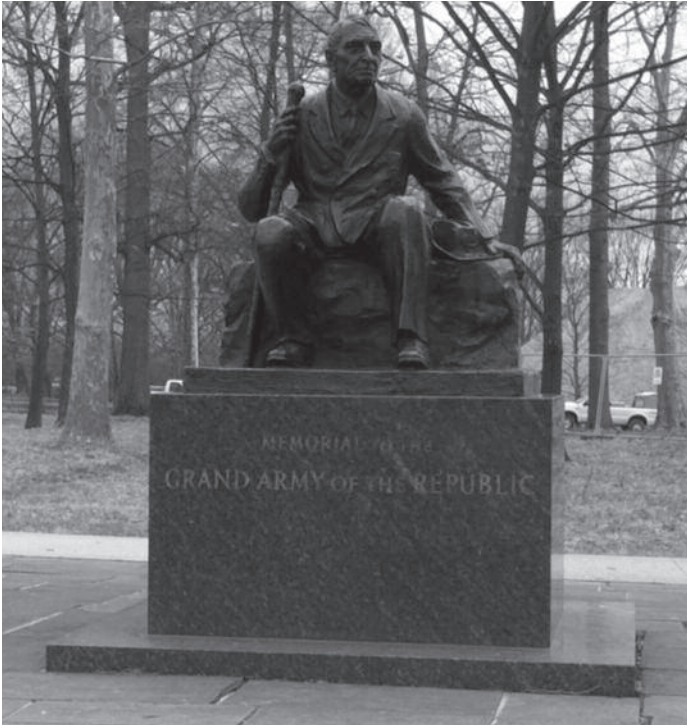
### WISCONSIN

SVR members from Illinois and Wisconsin manned information tables at the 3rd annual Civil War Expo, held March 23rd inside Kenosha's Civil War Museum. The 4th MD HQ Company, The Rockford Zuoaves, Cushing's Battery spoke to visitors about their organizations. Over 20 heritage, living history, and round table groups were represented.





## THE NEW VIEW AT AN OLD BATTLEFIELD



*A pile of rubble, seen behind the Woolson monument was all that remained of the cyclorama building on March 28th. Photo by PDC Eugene Mortorff*

Those participating in Remembrance Day's Woolson monument ceremony will get a very different view of the Gettysburg battlefield. The cyclorama building, which closed in 2008, was demolished this March and April.

The Park Service wants to restore the historic Civil War battlefield as closely as possible to the way it looked July 1-3, 1863. The building sat on North Cemetery Ridge, near the center of the Union army's battle line, where Federal troops set up their defenses and held off repeated Confederate attacks, finally forcing them to retreat back to Virginia that July 4.

Since 2008, the circular painting, which shows intricate detail of the Union and Southern forces clashing, has been in the new National Park Visitors Center and Museum, about a mile from the old site. The painting is 377 feet long, 42 feet high and weighs more than 12 tons. It was painted in the early 1880s by French artist Paul Philippoteaux. The huge Cyclorama painting is a major draw for 3 million visitors and tourists each year.

Asbestos removal at the Cyclorama building, which opened in 1962 in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the Gettysburg battle, began in late February. The \$563,000 to demolish the building came from the Gettysburg Foundation, which works with the park service to preserve the national military park.

## FINAL MUSTER

### Michael T. Kelly

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February 3, 2012

### Benjamin R. Duce

Willie Grout Camp 25 (MA)  
Bay State Camp 61 (MA)  
August 14, 2012

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Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp 154 (NY)  
November 24, 2012

### Gary N. Hepinstall

WA-BU-NO Camp 250 (MI)  
December 29, 2012

### Arthur L. Longnaker

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 (PA)  
January 29, 2013

### Lloyd W. Stevens

Col. Wm. Colvill III Camp 56 (WI)  
February 4, 2013

### David P. Penhallow II

Col. James D. Brady Camp 63 (CH)  
February 25, 2013

### David T. Barker

Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3 (GA)  
March 1, 2013

### PCC Thomas Reimer

Alden Skinner Camp 45 (CT)  
March 19, 2013

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# COLLECTING THE SONS

## DEPARTMENT EMBLEMS

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

When the Sons of Veterans, USA began, the organization was a military training component. All brothers wore a uniform, including a cap or kepi. On the front of the kepi was the emblem of service: crossed rifles (infantry), crossed cannon (artillery), crossed sabers (cavalry). On the top, however, was the division/department emblem or corps badge.

As there were national competitions and training, the division emblem identified soldiers from Ohio from their Illinois brothers. All were made of gold metallic thread and red velvet for dress uniform and bronze thread for field uniform. The SVR continued to use these until after World War I. The Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania Departments have continued to use their emblems while most others discontinued them. It's interesting to see their return, as we have grown in strength. The Dept. of Florida adopted a symbol within the last few years.

This list is far from complete. It appeared in an 1887 Sons newspaper and in the 1914 SVR regulations. The illustrations are black and white and have been colorized to help bring out detail.

Alabama & Tennessee - an acorn

California - a crescent

Connecticut - a tre-foil

Illinois - a quinque foil

Iowa - a dove

Kansas - a sunflower

Maine - a Greek cross

Michigan - a crescent & star

Minnesota - a Maltese Cross

Missouri - Hexagon with arrow & MO

Montana - Sword & Arrow

Nebraska - ear of corn

New Hampshire - Shield with NH

New Jersey - a diamond

New York - fan leaved cross

Ohio - a star

Pennsylvania - a keystone

Rhode Island - Shield with Anchor

Vermont - Geneva Cross

West Virginia - Heart

*All designs in red with gold border for dress uniform and of bronze for field service uniform.*



*Michigan Dept. Emblem*



*New York Dept. Emblem*





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## 2013 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TOURS

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### The CinC's Civil War Sites Tour

Join the CinC for a trek to the notable Milwaukee sites associated with the Civil War and its impact upon the city's residents. Stops include the Underground Railroad, Lincoln's 1859 visit, and Camp Sigel. See the effects after the war by viewing GAR and community initiatives, including Turner Hall, the Victorious Charge, and Forest Home Cemetery.



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